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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2009-073

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Elementary Principals  
Kindergarten Teachers

**FROM:** Anita Sullivan, Education Consultant  
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**DATE:** May 1, 2009

**SUBJECT:** WDE 453– The New Instructional Foundations for Kindergarten Data Collection (Replaces Kindergarten Readiness Survey, WDE 452)

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### IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The following is information about the new Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) Kindergarten Readiness Survey to be submitted through the WDE Data Driven Enterprises (WDE-DDE) website. The assigned number and title of the collection is: WDE 453 Instructional Foundations for Kindergarten.

#### **What is the WDE data collection?**

The WDE 453 is a student level data collection for entering kindergarten children. The collection will be used by kindergarten teachers to assess students in the fall on nine (9) researched foundation areas to determine level of readiness of entering kindergarten students.

#### **What is the purpose of the WDE data collection?**

The data collected in the WDE 453 will be utilized by the state for analysis of kindergarten student readiness. Student and classroom reports will be provided to the classroom and building level to support classroom instruction and to promote more effective transitions from preschool to kindergarten.

#### **What previous notification was provided to districts?**

WDE 452, Kindergarten Readiness Survey was removed from data collection for revision in fall, 2007. Preschool and kindergarten teachers in districts School District statewide were involved in revising the kindergarten readiness tool for the past

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two years. Ongoing progress was presented for feedback at School Improvement Conference in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

### **What is the process?**

Teachers will indicate student performance on the nine foundation areas identified through field testing and research as predictive of school success. Teachers will provide WISER ID, student last name and birth date as listed in the school information system. As you know, the previous kindergarten readiness collection was completed manually by teachers and then entered by central office. The new WDE 453 will be completed by kindergarten teachers online through a secure website provided through Data Driven Enterprises. Data Driven Enterprises will in turn convert the records to individual student and classroom reports and load them back to the respective teacher, school and district's account.

### **Where can I find resources?**

Supporting files and more details about the collection are located at:  
<http://www.datadrivenenterprises.com/wde/>

### **When is the collection due?**

The WDE data collection is due on **November 20, 2009**. The collection window will open on October 1, 2009, and will remain open through November 20, 2009.

### **When is the training?**

The training session on the WDE DDE submission process, including step-by-step actions taken to submit student performance data, will be offered on **August 28, 2009** from 2:00PM to 4:00PM, over the Wyoming Equality Network (WEN). Please contact your local WEN site to participate in the training.

### **Who to contact for more information?**

If you have any content or submission questions about the WDE 453 data collection, please contact Anita Sullivan at 307-777-8978 or [asulli@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:asulli@educ.state.wy.us).

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